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SUBJECT: ICRC ACTIVITIES

1. HAVE JUST TALKED TO MARTI, ICRC HEAD FOR CYPRUS.
HE IS A BALANCED INDIVIDUAL WITH LONG ICRC EXPERIENCE.
HE WAS THE ONE WHO GOT THE MERCENARIES OUT OF BUKAVU
SO WE COULD START OUR TALK FROM THAT COMMON
EXPERIENCE. BALANCED OR NOT, HE IS VERY DISTURBED
BY WHAT THE TURKISH ARMY, ESPECIALLY THE SECOND ECHELON,
HAS DONE AND IS DOING . LOOTING AND CALLOUS TREATMENT
OF REMAINING GREEKS ARE THE TWO PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS.
HE RECENTLY WENT TO ANKARA TO TALK TO ECEVIT. THE
ENTOURAGE OF THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE DISCIPLINED
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TURKISHFORCES WERE BEHAVING CORRECTLY. MARTI

TOLD ECEVIT THIS WAS SIMPLY NOT SO. ECEVIT WAS SOMEWHAT SHAKEN BY THE COMPLETELY CONTRADICTORY STORIES.

2. MARTI WILL WRITE A COMPLETE AND FACTUAL REPORT LATER THIS WEEK FOR SUBMISSION TO HIS HEADQUARTERS. HE WILL DRAW ON THE 40 OBSERVERS HE HAS (20 ON EACHSIDE) WHO WILL BE ASSEMBLED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE SAID IT WILL BE CONTRADICTORY TO THE OFFICIAL TURKISH LINE WHICH SAYS ALL IS GOING WELL. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE IT CORROBORATED BY REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS. I HAVE REPLIED WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE OF OUR OWN AND DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BE THE WISE COURSE OF ACTION FOR US. HE PLANS TO TALK TO THE BRITISH ON THIS.

3. WE TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF REFUGEES. MARTI SAID HIS MANDATE COMES FROM THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. HIS TASK HAS BEEN TO SEE THAT MINORITIES ARE NOT MISTREATED. HE HAS EXPANDED THIS TO INCLUDE HELP TO REFUGEES. HE HOPES SHORTLY TO GET OUT OF THIS ACTIVITY AND LET UNHCR PLUS THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT HANDLE THE PROBLEM.

4. HIS ESTIMATE, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE AND NOT ON ANY POLLING HERE, IS THAT MOST OF THE 100-120,000 REFUGEES IN THE SOUTH WILL BE OUT OF THE CAMPS OR FORESTS IN A MONTH. THOSE WHO LEFT VILLAGES, WHICH ARE NOT TURKISH-OCCUPIED, WILL OVERCOME THEIR FEARS OF BEING CLOSE TO THE TURKS AND RETURN. THE MIDDLE-CLASS FROM THE NORTH HAVE MONEY AND WILL SETTLE DOWN IN THE SOUTH. THE NORTHERN POORER FARMERS AND WORKERS WILL COME TO 40,000 OR SO; THEY WILL BE THE ONES IN CAMPS IN OCTOBER. THAT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT DATE AS TENT CAMPS WILL BECOME UNINHABITABLE IN WINTER AND THE UNHCR WILL HAVE MAJOR DECISIONS TO MAKE. FOR HIS PART HE HAS SUGGESTED TO PRINCE SADDRUDIN THAT A MAJOR APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BE DELAYED UNTIL A BETTER PICTURE IS AVAILABLE AS TO WHAT THIS WINTER'S NEEDS WILL BE.

5. MARTI IS OFF TO FAMAGUSTA TOMORROW, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EX-PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH RED CRESCENT. HE EXPECTS TO FIND

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SEVERAL THOUSAND SEMI-STARVED GREEK CYPRIOTS AND WILL THERE AFTER TRY TO PUSH THROUGH A FOOD CONVOY, SOMETHING UNFICYP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AFTERNOON HE WILL LEAD A FOOD CONVOY INTO THE TURKISH ZONE TO A GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD NO FOOD FOR SIX DAYS.

6. COMMENT:MARTI HAS ONE CONCERN THAT WORRIES HIM.

ALL THE RELIEF IS ESSENTIALLY GOING TO GREEK CYPRIOT
REFUGEES. WHAT THE TURKISH VILLAGES IN THE SOUTH GET
IS AN OCCASIONAL DOLLOP OF FOOD. IF THE RELIEF EFFORT
GETS LARGE AND INVOLVES A LOT OF ORGAIZATIONS AND
GOVERNMENTS, HE FEARS A TURKISH BACKLASH. HE ASKED
WHAT I THOUGHT HE - - OR OTHER IN THE RELIEF FIELD - - COULD
DO TO FORESTALL THIS. I AGREED IT WAS A POTENTIAL
PROBLEM, THAT I HAD NO ANSWERS, BUT WOULD GET BACK IN

TOUCH LATER.
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